

Amendments to the Claims

1-26. (Canceled)

27. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ An *in vitro* method of treating a neoplastic cell, comprising:

administering to the cell a therapeutically effective amount of antisense oligonucleotides which are complementary to human MDM2 mRNA and which inhibit transcription or translation of a human MDM2 gene.

28. (Original) The method of claim 27 wherein expression of the human MDM2 gene is inhibited by administering antisense oligonucleotides.

29-55. (Cancelled)

56. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ An *in vitro* method of treating a cell having an amplified human MDM2 gene, elevated expression of human MDM2 mRNA, or elevated expression of human MDM2 protein, comprising:

administering to the cell a therapeutically effective amount of antisense oligonucleotides which are complementary to human MDM2 mRNA and which inhibit transcription or translation of a human MDM2 gene.

57-61. (Canceled)